

MEN PROMOTING OIL DRILLING TO DROP PLANS

Farmers Fail to Co-Operate in Proposed Venture

FAIL TO COME THRU

Apathy on Part of Ranchers Toward Systematic Attempt to Locate Oil Believed in This District Will Make an End of Venture—Drill Will Be Used for Water.

Utterly disgusted with the attitude of some of the land owners in the Klamath Basin, the men back of the movement to drill for oil have about decided to drop the undertaking entirely. When the plan was first considered, many who now refuse to sign stated that they would be glad to encourage the experiment, and with that end in view would gladly lease their land to a company. Those back of the proposition figured that it necessary to secure leases on at least 5,000 acres of land to justify the expense of sinking a test hole, and receiving assurances that this number of acres would be forthcoming, they went ahead with their plans, incorporated a company, and made tentative arrangements for a rig large enough to sink a hole 5,000 feet. When these arrangements were given publicity, some of those who promised to lease their lands decided they would not do so, and the consequence is that the whole matter may be dropped.

There is no assurance that either oil or gas will be found. In fact, the odds are against it, but the men who have incorporated the oil company are willing to take a chance. And it will be a big chance, since it will mean the expenditure of upwards of \$30,000 to put a hole down 5,000 feet. The terms under which they are taking leases are the same as prevail in other sections. The royalties paid elsewhere is 10 per cent in proven territory—that is, in territory within six or eight miles of a proven field. The offer for leases in this case is 10 per cent, which is 2 per cent above what is customarily paid.

The way the matter now stands, the men who have interested themselves in the experiment stand to only a few dollars each, for the rig they contemplated using has not been purchased, but only tentatively considered. It belongs to Dave Edler, and if it is not used by him in drilling for oil, it will be used in drilling for water, in which work it has been employed for a number of years.

The land owners of the basin should give this matter their most careful consideration. If the promoters of this experiment are fortunate enough to strike either oil or gas, the royalty they offer will make every man receiving it rich beyond the dream of avarice; if they fail, they will lose every dollar they invest. They take all the chance, and are paying a higher royalty than is paid elsewhere under the same circumstances. If the land owners refuse to lease the required number of acres, they are simply killing the goose that will lay golden eggs, if oil or gas is found. The land owner has every thing to gain and nothing to lose.

PARTY LAST NIGHT.

Miss Inez Bell was surprised at her home Friday evening by a few young people. The evening was spent in games and taffy pulling. Those present were the Misses Inez Bell, Pearl Lundy, Rachel Applegate, Esther Will, Maude Miller, Ruth Miller, Messrs. Forrest Houston, Bryan Hawkins, John Carter, J. R. Carter, Lieutenant C. E. Carter, and Mrs. M. L. Miller Mr. William Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bell.

George Washington



America today honors the memory of the most notable figure in her history, General George Washington, the first President of the United States and the hero of the Revolutionary War. This is the man, to perpetuate whose ideals 5,000,000 men from every corner of the nation, a year ago

threw aside all other claims and made ready to crush the menace of militarism.

A hundred and ten million people today forget their petty trials and troubles as they contemplate the wonderful life and example of this soldier and statesman.

THE RANGE QUESTION IS NOW UP TO THE PEOPLE

The legislature has placed the settlement of the range question squarely in the hands of the people of the various counties of the state. As a result of the efforts of Representative Merryman to get his bill through the house and Senator Pierce his measure through the senate, both of which staged the hottest little row that has been witnessed in Salem for a decade, the legislators decided they would fix the matter so it would not again pit in an appearance, and accordingly a bill has now passed both branches of the legislature, and will undoubtedly be signed by the governor, which will permit the counties of the state to enact such legislation as the majority of the people believe necessary to protect the interests of the stockmen.

So far as Klamath County is concerned, it is not anticipated that there will be any great difficulty in reaching an understanding. It will be up to the sheep and cattle interests to get together, divide the range, regulate the goings and-comings of sheep and cattle, lay out definite boundaries and frame the agreement into a law to be submitted to the people of the county for enactment. It removes one of the chief bones of contention—that there would be no authority to compel the enforcement of any agreement. It eliminates the possibility of another menace—a government reserve, that most vicious of all expedients, that calls for another influx of government "regulators," whose chief interest would not be the stockmen, but the cinching of their jobs. Klamath County wants no Merryman law; it wants no herd law; it wants no unfairness to either interest. It does want the development and conservation of both to the very limit. It will not be a healthy proceeding for either interest to try to "put one over" on the other, or the people will take the matter in their own hands and then someone would sure to be hurt. The thing to do is for the men who understand the stock business to regulate it.

COMING HOME SOON.

James Ryan has received a wire from his nephew, W. L. Halley from Fort Harrison, Indiana stating that he expects to be home soon. Halley arrived a few days ago with a contingent of the Twentieth Engineers.

KLAMATH WILL AID GOOD MOVE

INTEREST IN NEW LIVE STOCK BUILDING AT PORTLAND, WHICH WILL BE COOPERATIVE VENTURE

The spirit indicated by the County stockman toward the construction of the big quarter million dollar building for show purpose at Portland, is of the best according to J. W. Siemens of the First State and Savings Bank, who will have charge of the drive to secure funds here next week. As Klamath County is interested to such a large extent in the livestock industry, the Chairman believes that the local quota of \$2,500 will be subscribed gladly by those who are directly interested.

Capt. Siemens received a wire to the effect that the State will appropriate \$50,000 for the maintenance of the building which insures the permanency of the show.

The men at LaGrande did not wait for the drive to begin, but assembled yesterday morning and subscribed their quota of five thousand dollars in five minutes, showing the interest they are displaying in the new movement.

GETS SAD NEWS OF FATHER'S DEATH

To receive the sad news of his father's death on the first day after his return from a vacation in the south was the unfortunate experience of E. M. Chilcote, yesterday. His father, H. Chilcote, who resided in Arkansas, was 74 years of age. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and a wound in the breast received at this time had made him an invalid for the past ten years. He leaves a wife and one son and daughter there. Mr. Chilcote will not go East, as he could not reach there in time for the funeral.

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BAVARIA AGAIN IS TORN UP IN CIVIL STRIFE

Rioting in Munich Furious, Much Bloodshed

LEADER ASSASSINATED

Mobs Parade the Streets and Plunder the Stores—Ten Thousand Workmen Are Out—Communist Revolt Breaks Out in Budapest. Martial Law Is Declared.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The troubles in Munich became more serious yesterday, when ten thousand workmen from the suburbs marched to the center of the town.

Violent firing has been heard and a mob is reported to be plundering the shops.

The conditions have now reached a point where civil war is virtually in progress.

An attempt has been made to kill Herr Auer, the Bavarian secretary of the interior. This is interpreted as an act of revenge for the killing of Kurt Eisner, the Socialist Premier yesterday. The men are declared to have been bitter opponents. The bullet grazed Auer's heart, but he is still alive.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22.—Later. A Munich dispatch says that Minister of the Interior Auer died of his wounds today. Deputy Sveller fired the shot which killed him and deputy Oesel.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—The Communist revolt broke out again in Budapest on Thursday night. It is reported that the revolt broke out this time under the leadership of agitators who were for the most part Germans and Russians.

They stormed the offices of the Socialist newspaper and occupied the telegraph office and the railroad station.

Martial law has been proclaimed by Count Karolyi the provisional president. Government troops later recaptured the railroad station. The metal workers are now planning anti-communist manifestation.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Later The Vossische Zeitung says that Bavaria was last night declared a republic by the soldiers and workmen Council in Munich.

OLENE RANCHER PASSES TODAY

HAD RESIDED IN KLAMATH COUNTY FOUR YEARS. WAS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI. LEAVES WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN

Henry Carl Lemler, a rancher of the Olene district died at the Klamath General Hospital here at 9:55 this morning following an illness from pneumonia. The deceased suffered an attack of the influenza about two months ago but recovered sufficiently to be up and around again. He had a set back however, which ended in his death.

Mr. Lemler was forty-two years of age and had resided in Klamath County for the last four years. He is survived by his wife Amelia and three children, Lena, Harry and Elmer. Mr. Lemler was a native of Missouri.

The funeral services will be held at the Whitlock Chapel at ten thirty Monday morning. Reverend Simpson Hamrick of the Methodist Church will have charge of the services.

INCOME TAX MAN COMING MONDAY

Income Tax Officer, Mr. Wells will be stationed at the Court House at Klamath Falls, from and including February 24 to and including March 1st, 1919.

Where forms have been sent out, the parties receiving same should produce the forms to the officer as a reference number is assigned, essential to the return of such party.

The Treasury Department has extended the time for filing Income Tax Returns to March 15th, 1919, and anyone not thoroughly familiar with the provisions of the Income Tax law and their obligation thereunder, should at once make inquiry of the above mentioned officer or write this office direct, as this will be the last opportunity to do so in connection with the filing of returns of income for the year 1918 prior to the due date of filing.

As soon as possible after March 15th an extensive "drive" will be made taking in the entire state and heavy penalties will attach where persons liable to tax have failed to disclose their liability and make return on or before March 15th, 1919.

FIRST MAN OF BAVARIA SHOT

BAVARIAN LEADER IS SHOT BY MAN WHO IS HIMSELF MORALLY WOUNDED—GERMANS FAILING TO KEEP TERMS

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, was shot and killed yesterday by Lieutenant Count Arco Valley, according to an Amsterdam report. The count was wounded severely himself by the guard, and is reported to be dying.

Eisner was a socialist of the more radical type. He was born in Galicia, and was once minister of the Voerwaerts at Berlin.

WARSAW, Feb. 22.—The Germans are reported as not observing the armistice conditions as to fighting in Posen, and the skirmishes are occurring at scattered points. The German morale is reported to be very low. In one instance they are said to have sold their battery artillery to a Polish Catholic priest for 6,000 marks.

HERE FROM MODOC POINT.

W. A. Lamm and his sister Miss Edith Lamm are here from Modoc Point for a short visit. Mr. Lamm indicates that his mill will begin operation about the first of April if weather conditions permit.

COMING FROM PORTLAND.

Mrs. L. P. Montgomery and her daughter Miss Karl are expected in tonight from Portland, where they went last Sunday to meet Clarence Montgomery, who returned with the 65th Coast Artillery.

RECOVERS FROM INJURY.

County School Superintendent, Edna Wells, who injured her shoulder a few days ago in her office is gradually improving although she is lame yet from the effects of the accident.

LEAVES FOR SEATTLE.

Mrs. Ivan Kilgore left this morning for Seattle this morning where she will spend the next few weeks visiting relatives. Mrs. Kilgore has been in poor health and it is believed the change will be beneficial.

RETURN TO WORDEN.

Mrs. James Jory and Mrs. Will Worden of Worden who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. John Worden of Shippington for the past few days left this morning for their homes.

HERE FROM MEDFORD.

Miss Norma Campbell is here for a short time from Medford visiting her father, Neal Campbell.

IMPORTANT BILLS PASSED AT SALEM

SALEM, Feb. 22.—The Senate has adopted a House Resolution putting up to the people at the coming special election, the question of extending the session of the Legislature for sixty days and increasing the pay of the members from three to five dollars per day.

The Senate has adopted a resolution authorizing the University of Oregon to take a survey of the delinquent, dependent persons.

In a vote today the House killed the joint resolution for the restoration of Capital punishment and the Senate killed the bill providing for the counting of the ballots as soon as counted.

The Hurley Bill providing physical training and military drill in the High School passed the Senate when Vinton cast the deciding vote. The house has not yet acted on the matter.

MANY OUT FOR CHURCH SUPPER

PRESBYTERIANS HAVE LARGE CROWD AT CAFETERIA SUPPER IN SPITE OF SNOWSTORM. FINE PROGRAM GIVEN

The cafeteria supper last night at the Presbyterian Church proved to be a great success in spite of the stormy weather, and a sum which exceeded the expectations of the workers was realized.

Following the supper service a program was given featured by solos by Mrs. C. A. Plath, recitations by Mrs. Rose Soule Bratton which were unusually well received. There were also good numbers by the Presbyterian choir. Moving pictures of Crater Lake and other interesting subjects were shown following the program.

RECEPTION FOR NEW MINISTER

PASTOR AT METHODIST CHURCH IS HONORED BY RECEPTION FROM MEMBERS. INTERESTING TALKS AND REFRESHMENTS

In honor of the Reverend Simpson Hamrick of the Methodist Church, who has been here for several months but who was prevented from holding services and getting properly acquainted with the people of his church for a long time on account of the influenza situation, a reception was given last night at the Church.

Will Woods of the Underwood Pharmacy, acted as toastmaster of the evening and interesting talks were given by George Walton, Mrs. Charles Roberts, Lawrence Phelps, Reverend Hamrick and E. M. Chilcote. Refreshments were served later in the evening and those present report a very fine time.

EXTRA TEACHERS EXAMS HELD HERE NEXT WEEK.

Teachers' examination for one year certificates, will be held at the High School February 26, 27, 28, commencing Wednesday 9 A. M. Wednesday Forenoon—U. S. History, Penmanship. Wednesday Afternoon—Physiology, Reading. Thursday Forenoon, Arithmetic. Thursday Afternoon—Grammar, Geography. Friday Forenoon—Theory & Practice, Orthography. Friday Afternoon—School Law, Civ. Government. EDNA WELLS, Co. School Supt.

MOVE TO MEDFORD.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wise who have been in the county for some time past left this morning for Medford where they expect to remain in the future. Mr. Wise has been employed by the Modoc Lumber Company.

KERNS WOULD SELL PLANT TO THE CITY

Offer From Keno Power Co. Made to City Council

COMPLETE STATEMENT

Offer is Turned Down With Instructions That City is in no Condition to Accept It.—Proposition Submitted in Detail to Citizens for Their Consideration.

The following proposition, submitted to the city by the Kern Brothers, will come as a surprise to the people of Klamath Falls. It was read at the last council meeting, and the police judge was directed to notify the Kern Brothers that the city is in no better condition now than at the time the original offer was made, and the proposition was placed on file with the same nonchalance as if it were so much scrap paper.

The whole matter was overlooked by the Herald representative, and it was only by accident that the information came to this paper that the offer had been made. The letter submitting the question to the council, together with the tabulated comparative statement accompanying it, is published herewith, that the people of Klamath Falls may study both and reach a conclusion as to whether it is deserving of more than cursory consideration by our city dais:

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—Some time ago by request of one of your former members we had occasion to make to your honorable board an offer of sale of the property of the Keno Power Co. We realized at the time that there were conditions confronting such a project that would make its successful termination at least doubtful. Since then though, these conditions have been removed and as far as the business outlook is concerned a proposition as we tendered at that time should be met with at least very careful consideration.

Owing to certain circumstances that have arisen since we secured the franchise in Klamath Falls we find that it will be almost impossible for us to develop that field. While our present investment is in no financial danger whatsoever yet we believe that in order to be true to our agreements under the franchise it is not to the interests of the dominant and undeveloped when such development would be of such value to the citizens of Klamath Falls and vicinity. That is, we believe that if we cannot develop the field as fast as the demand we should let some one have the property who can.

With this idea in view we are making this offer first to the City of Klamath Falls. Citizens they should have an opportunity to purchase this property. We also feel that there exists a sentiment in Klamath Falls on the part of the Citizens in favor of purchasing a plant to such an extent that we will be justified in making this offer. We hope then, that you will give our offer your most careful consideration and that you will let your decision on this matter.

We are going to offer this plant to the City for the same sum as previously made plus the actual capital invested in the property since then, according to our 1918 report to the Public Service Commission. This will be \$80,000.00 plus \$14,072.79 or a selling price of \$94,000.00 even, or a selling price of \$94,000.00 even. Payment to be like now to call your attention to the accompanying report that is self explanatory to a certain extent but we will take this opportunity to point out some of the natural advantages that will be the property of the City by purchase of this plant and system.

First due to the location of the generation plant you will note under items 1, 4 and 13 the considerable saving that will be effected by the City as compared with the C. O. P. Co.

Second in regard to item 19 it would be unnecessary for the city to spend over \$3300.00 annually on an office in San Francisco.

Third, we have made the full commercial charges for City lighting and